



## Moore Epi - Notes

**A quarterly newsletter for healthcare providers in Moore County**

### **Ebola Preparedness**

As of 10/15/2014 there have been 8,973 cases of Ebola in West Africa, three cases in Texas and NO cases in North Carolina. In West Africa, the number of cases is doubling approximately every 20 days.

Extensive guidance has been provided by the CDC and the NC DPH to Health Departments, healthcare providers, hospitals, EMS and laboratories on evaluation of patients with recent international travel and on management of suspected cases.

The NC State Laboratory of Public Health is ready to conduct testing for Ebola. Testing is not instantaneous. From the time of receipt, it can take six hours to test a single specimen and up to 24 hours for multiple specimens.

Information for the citizens of Moore County and the most recent guidance for healthcare providers is posted on the Health Department website at: <http://www.moorecountync.gov/index.php/mnu-health>. A public information line has been established by Carolinas Poison Center: 1-800-222-

### **Enterovirus D68 Surveillance**

From mid - August to Oct. 14, 2014 a total of 691 people from 46 states were confirmed to have respiratory illness caused by EV-D68. Fourteen cases of EV-D68 have been confirmed in North Carolina and all were in children less than 10 years of age with respiratory illness. Health professionals should consider EV-D68 as a cause of severe respiratory illness and also evaluate and report to the state any patients less than 21 years of age with sudden onset of limb weakness and an MRI showing spinal cord lesions.

Change is coming to required immunizations. The changes take effect July 1, 2015. **We all need to be ready.** Here is a link to the memo explaining the new requirements. <http://www.immunize.nc.gov/providers/memos.htm>

The memo you want is from 7/30/14

### **Confirmed / Probable Cases**

The following confirmed/probable cases of disease were reported by Moore County during the 3rd quarter of 2014:

Chlamydia— 50	HIV—2
Gonorrhea— 9	Syphilis—1
Pertussis— 8	Legionellosis—1
Salmonellosis—26	TB—no active cases
Campylobacter—5	

**Confidential fax: 910-947-1663**

**Moore County Health Department:  
910-947-3300**

**Communicable Disease Nurse fax:  
910-947-2480**

**After Hours/Weekend Reporting  
910-947-2911 (Ask to have the Health  
Director or his designee paged.)**

*Please remember to report communicable diseases to the Health Department. Accurate reporting helps to stop the spread of disease and helps us to gain knowledge about the health of our community. Moore County Health Department is committed to ensuring county healthcare providers access to countywide disease data summaries to inform patient care.*